

**TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with Councillors, Nunzio Scarfone, James Gauthier, Gail Degagne, and Bernadette Kerr.

Staff member(s) present was (were): CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Jenny Leblond and Public Works Staff, Terry Tran.

Member(s) of the public present was (were): None.

**NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** – None noted.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution 2020-205**

Bernadette Kerr and James Gauthier: Be it resolved that the *Agenda* for this meeting be adopted as presented. **‘Carried’**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution 2020-206**

James Gauthier and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the *Minutes* of the September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS** -None

**MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**Resolution 2020-207**

Bernadette Kerr and James Gauthier: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Government reports be accepted as presented and are listed as Addendum “A” to the Minutes. **‘Carried’**

**BUDGET REPORT** - None

**Public Works Reports**

**Resolution 2020-208**

James Gauthier and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Public Works Fuel Report for the month of August 2020, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2020-209**

Bernadette Kerr and James Gauthier: Be it resolved that Council accept the Public Works Activity Report from Operations Superintendent. **‘Carried’**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2020-210**

James Gauthier and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts and approves the use of the Filming Handbook and further that the charge of \$50.00 for a film permit fee be added to the Fees By-law as a new schedule F.

**‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2020-211**

Bernadette Kerr and James Gauthier: WHEREAS, we the Nipissing communities of the Nipissing-Temiskaming riding, Antoine First Nations, Mattawa/North Bay Algonquin First Nation, Bonfield (Bonfield, Rutherglen), Callander, Calvin, Chisholm, East Ferris (Astorville, Corbeil), Mattawa, Mattawan, Nipissing, North Bay, Papineau-Cameron, Powassan (Powassan, South Himsworth, Trout Creek) and Redbridge, seek fast, reliable and affordable internet and e-connectivity for our citizens, our businesses, our non-profit organizations and our visitors; and

WHEREAS, we form part of Blue Sky Net where internet speed in our communities has been confirmed as substantially lacking as reported in the recently published report entitled “The Speed of Northern Ontario Broadband” ; and

WHEREAS, our companies find it difficult to operate in a business environment that is becoming increasingly digitalized; and

WHEREAS, our citizens are frustrated as the school season resumes and their children require internet for their education program; and

WHEREAS, we are concerned that applications for the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) was severely over-subscribed; and

WHEREAS, we are equally concerned there has yet to be Federal Government funding announced in support of the ICON fund; and

WHEREAS, we are more so concerned that our voice will be lost in the sea of funding demands for improved internet and e-connectivity currently being made by communities across our region, our province and our country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Chisholm encourages the citizens of our area to raise their voice in support of their municipalities and Blue Sky Economic Growth

Corporation (Blue Sky Net) as they look to secure funding for internet for our Nipissing communities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage our MP Anthony Rota and our MPP Victor Fedeli to examine the opportunity to re-instate the role played by our northern economic development agencies (FedNor and NOHFC) in the delivery of internet funding in Northern Ontario as they are best positioned to understand the needs of our region; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage our Federal Government to release funding for a National Broadband Initiative that encompasses the critical needs of communities and citizens that fall under the Blue Sky Net (Nipissing) umbrella; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that communities in the Blue Sky Net (Nipissing) area are committed to supporting the anticipated deployment and adoption of this infrastructure in our communities.

**‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2020-212**

James Gauthier and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Municipality of Tweed, requesting that immediate action be taken by all levels of government for medical cannabis licensing to follow similar regulations and guidelines as all other pharmaceutical industry. AND FURTHER, that the distribution of medical cannabis be controlled through pharmacies in consistency of all other medications; AND FURTHER, that Health Canada withhold licensing until the potential license holder can provide evidence of acceptable zoning of the intended property in questions; AND FURTHER, that licenced locations be disclosed in advance to the municipalities hosting the licenced location: AND FURTHER , that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Health Canada, the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**‘Carried’**

**Resolution 2020-213**

Bernadette Kerr and James Gauthier: WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm has identified the need to update the municipality’s *Asset Management Plan*; AND WHEREAS the staff of the Township have been researching available funding programs that could assist us in financing this initiative; AND WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) are accepting applications for their *Municipal Asset Management Program* (MAMP) which is a five-year, \$50-million program funded by Infrastructure Canada to support Canadian municipalities and communities in making informed infrastructure investment decisions based on improved asset management practice; AND WHEREAS the MAMP offers grant funding, to a maximum contribution of \$50,000 and not being more than 80% of the eligible project costs, to support capacity building activities and increase skills within municipalities and local governments to sustainably maintain their asset management programs now and in the future; AND WHEREAS the MAMP funding contribution increases to a maximum 90% contribution if there is collaboration with other municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Chisholm would like to pursue the funding of an objective roads assessment by StreetScan who provide an automated Road Assessment Service where data collection is completed with a vehicle that records an optical 3D camera view of the roadway surface (assessing distresses such as bumps and cracks and their extent and severity), while a 360 degree camera captures assets (e.g. traffic signs, curbs, pavement markings), generating a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) which, in combination with other variables (road classification, deterioration curves, local repair costs) and a customized road repair prioritization;

AND WHEREAS, the township of Chisholm also will hire an engineering firm to assess and develop a maintenance plan for the gravel road system within the township;

AND WHEREAS the estimated cost to conduct the road assessment for our roadways is approximately \$62,500 resulting in a net cost to the Municipality, after funding assistance of 80% from FCM (\$50,000), of \$12,500 or \$5,555 if working with other municipalities;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our roads asset management program which includes the following:

- Vehicle based automated data collection for roads
- Road assessment data processing
- Pavement Management
- Software utilizing a GIS based software analytics platform
- Road need study
- Culvert assessment
- Sign assessment

AND FURTHER that the Township of Chisholm contributes up to \$12,500 towards the costs of this initiative. **'Carried'**

**Resolution 2020-214**

James Gauthier and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that By-law 2020-31, being a by-law to amend By-law 2014-25, as amended, the Zoning By-Law for the Township of Chisholm with respect to lands located in Part of Lot 10, Concession 9, in the Township of Chisholm to permit a temporary building to be used as a school, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020. **'Carried'**

**Resolution 2020-215**

Gail Degagne and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm appoints Councillor Bernadette Kerr, to sit on the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board as a representation for Chisholm Township. **'Carried'**

**Resolution 2020-216**

Nunzio Scarfone and Gail Degagne: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm decides to **REFUSE** the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, to establish a Cannabis Micro-Cultivation facility, located at Con. 9 Part Lot 5, 348 Pioneer Road.

**OPEN FORUM**

Mayor Leo Jobin, informed Council that he will be resigning from his position as Mayor at the end of October due to health concerns.

**IN CAMERA**

**Resolution 2020-217**

Gail Degagne and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm does now move into 'In Camera' To discuss labour relations or employee negotiations, as per Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, as per Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, and personal matters relating to identifiable individuals, including municipal and local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act.

Time: 7:37 P.m.

**'Carried'**

**Resolution 2020-218**

Nunzio Scarfone and Gail Degagne: Be it resolved that the council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm does now return to regular meeting. Time: 7:58 p.m.

**'Carried'**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 2020-219**

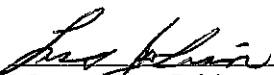
Nunzio Scarfone and Gail Degagne: Be it resolved that By-Law 2020-32 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the September 22, 2020 meeting be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020.

**'Carried'**

**Resolution 2020-220**

Gail Degagne and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

**'Carried'**

  
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Mayor, Leo Jobin

  
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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond

## **Addendum A**

### **Staff, Mayor, Committee and Government Reports**

#### **Staff Reports**

- None

#### **Mayor, Committee Reports / Correspondence**

- The Golden Sunshine Club, Minutes, August 18, 2020 (Encl.)
- Municipality of East Ferris – Media Release re: improving internet service, September 10, 2020

#### **Communication from Government**

- Letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs re: threat of on-farm trespass activities, August 31, 2020 (Encl.).